

Application No. 09/588,495
Amendment dated August 19, 2005
Reply to Office Action of May 19, 2005

Docket No. 1232-4-123US1

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 8-12 and 15-22 are pending in this application. Claims 8, 15, 16, 17 and 20 are independent. All of the pending claims stand rejected. By this amendment, claims 8-12, 15-17, 20 and 22 are amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Objection

SPECIFICATION

The Abstract has been objected to. The Examiner indicated that the provided abstract does not contain the proper language and format.

Applicant notes that the Abstract has been amended in an Amendment filed May 3, 2004 in response to Examiner's objection made in the Final Office Action of January 28, 2004. The May 3, 2004 Amendment was indicated as entered by the Advisory Action issued on May 20, 2004.

Nonetheless, Applicant takes this opportunity to amend the Abstract as shown above for further clarification.

CLAIMS

Claim 22 has been objected to. The Examiner indicated that "said storage unit" in line 1 of the claim should be -a storage unit-.

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Applicant also notes that the same objection has been made by the Examiner in the Final Office Action of January 28, 2004 and claim 22 has been amended accordingly in Applicant's May 3, 2004 Amendment which was entered by the Examiner.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

In paragraph six (6) of the Final Office Action, claims 8-12 and 15-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Examiner indicated among others that the "Web page" recited in the claims added by the amendment is not properly described in the application as filed.

Applicant believes that, based on the teachings of the original specification as filed, an ordinary skilled artisan would understand that the present invention may be used in the Internet environment where web pages are an essential interface to the users. For example, a term "HTML (HyperText Markup Language)" is used explaining the invention throughout the original specification. As is well known in the art, a webpage is usually written using the HTML.

Nonetheless, claims have been amended as shown above for further clarification as well as for expediting the prosecution. In particular, each of amended independent claims 8, 15, 16, 17 and 20 recites "markup language file" instead of "Web page" as indicated above.

Accordingly, each of amended claims 8, 15, 16, 17 and 20 is believed to be supported by the specification as originally filed.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 8, 15, 16, 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

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Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

In paragraph eight (8) of the Final Office Action, claims 8-12, 15-17 and 20-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,360,254 to Linden et al. ("Linden").

As Applicant explained in the Amendment filed May 3, 2004, this application is a divisional of US application serial No. 09/025,184 filed February 18, 1998, now USP 6,101,526, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to Japanese application JP 9-035129 filed on February 19, 1997. The cited reference to Linden was filed on March 30, 1999.

Accordingly, Linden is not available as prior art against this application and Applicant respectfully submit that all claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on Linden are thus improper and respectfully request that they be withdrawn. A certified translation of the Japanese priority application was also submitted along with the May 3, 2004 Amendment.

Applicant has not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because Applicant submits that the independent claims from which they respectively depend are in condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicant however reserves the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

Applicant believes that the application as amended is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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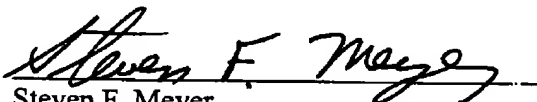
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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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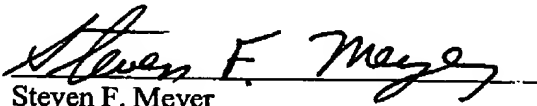
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